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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: )  
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Roma, Norbert )  
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Serial No.: 09/551,014 )  
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Filed: April 18, 2000 )  
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For: A Method and Apparatus )  
for Comparing Scores in a )  
Vector Space Retrieval Process )

Group Art Unit: 2141

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004. The three month shortened statutory response period expired on August 20, 2004. Because the one month extension period expires September 20, 2004, this response is considered timely filed with a one month extension of time. The fee for a one month extension of time is enclosed with this response.

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2.

A listing of currently pending claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 and include four replacement sheets, which are attached at the end of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9.